

HEALTH INSURANCE – INFANTS

In 2011, approximately 441,000 U.S. infants under 1 year of age had no health insurance coverage, representing 11.3 percent of this population. About half of infants (50.2 percent) were covered by private insurance, alone or in combination with some form of public coverage, and 38.5 percent were insured only through public programs such as Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and military health insurance. The majority of those with public insurance (93.7 percent) were covered by Medicaid.

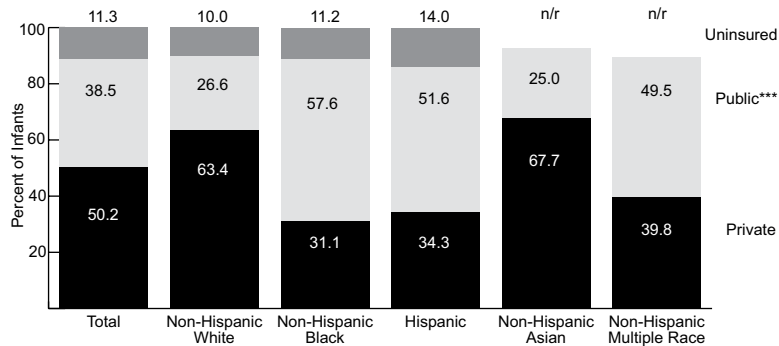
Infants' insurance status varies by race and ethnicity. In 2011, 67.7 percent and 63.4 percent of non-Hispanic Asian and White infants, respectively, had private coverage, while the same was true for approximately one-third of Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black infants (34.3 and 31.1 percent, respectively). Conversely, over half of non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic infants were publicly insured, followed by 49.5 percent of non-Hispanic infants of more than one race.

As family income increases, private health insurance coverage among infants rises and the

proportions of infants with public coverage and no coverage decrease. In 2011, infants in households with incomes below 100 percent of the poverty threshold were most likely to have public coverage (75.5 percent) or to be uninsured (14.1 percent); a similar proportion of infants living in households with incomes above but less than twice the poverty threshold were also uninsured (13.7 percent). Infants with family incomes of four times or more of the poverty threshold were most likely to have private coverage, and least likely to have public coverage or to be uninsured.

Health Insurance Coverage Among Infants Under Age 1, by Type of Coverage* and Race/Ethnicity,** 2011

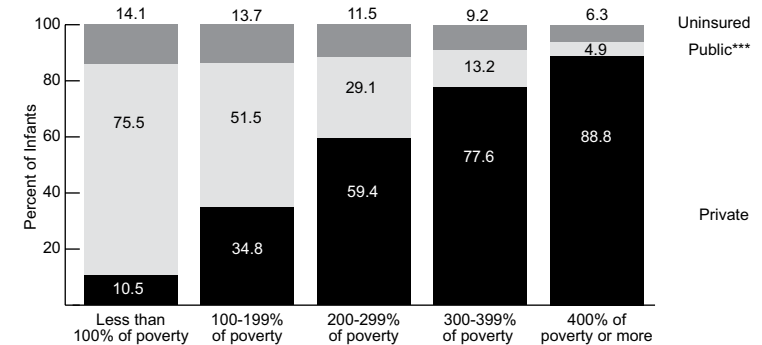
Source (III.5): U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey



*Estimates for private coverage include individuals that may have some other form of insurance; estimates for public coverage exclude individuals with any form of private coverage. Estimates may not total to 100 due to rounding. **The samples of American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander infants were too small to produce reliable estimates. ***Public or Government health insurance includes federal programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and military health care, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and individual state health plans. n/r – not reportable, estimate did not meet standard for reliability.

Health Insurance Coverage Among Infants Under Age 1, by Type of Coverage* and Poverty Status,** 2011

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